



Eating Healthy is Living Healthy



The Test

This is to solicit your participation in the upcoming Residue Testing scheduled to begin in September 2013.

This endeavour is a joint government and non-government initiative to test locally grown produce in Saipan, Tinian and Rota for the purpose of **instilling consumer confidence** in locally grown produce and promoting the consumption of **fruits and vegetables**.

The test for chemical (pesticide) residue on fruits and vegetables shall be conducted using an onsite field test kit.. The onsite test will provide a quick response to confirm or eliminate the presence of chemicals (pesticides) on the tested produce.

This test is strictly a fact-finding endeavour to identify the current pesticide usage and pesticide residue level. The focus and intent is to **raise awareness** about the safe use of pesticides in local agriculture.

Our Goals

- Raise awareness that community-based business is **valuable & important** to our local island economy, our culture and social fabric.
- Assure the community that locally grown **fruits and vegetables are safe** commodities.
- Participation can lead to the **promotion & advertising** of your business, and elevate your sales.
- Create **strong relationships** with local government and the media to foster a healthier CNMI.

The Results

The results of the onsite testing will assist the organizations address the safe use of pesticides and residue levels. Sampling of actual produce shall be conducted at a later time, wherein the crop shall be sent to a laboratory for further analysis.

Waiver of Consent

By completing this section, I am agreeing to have my produce tested for pesticide residue. DEQ, DLNR, BEH, or NMC CREES shall **not disclose** negative information should residue be found.

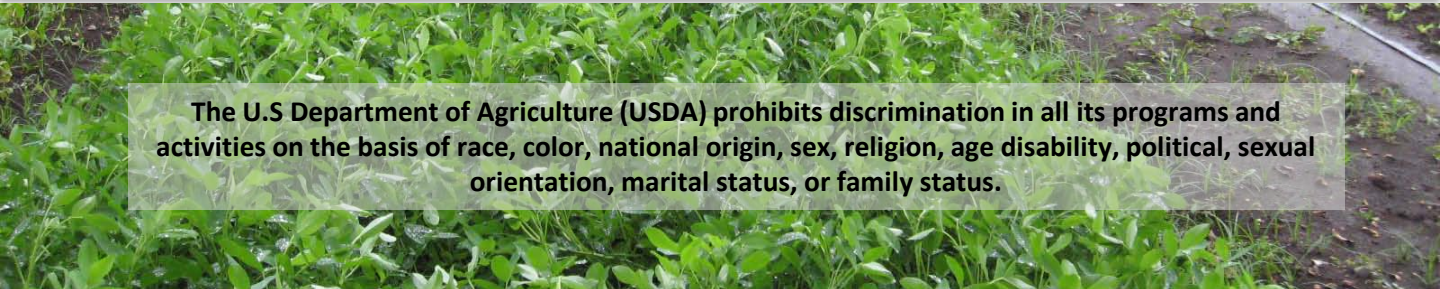
Name of Company _____

Contact Person _____

E-Mail Address _____

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Div. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) –

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- DEQ's pesticide program is responsible for receiving, reviewing, and issuing pesticide permits. It is also responsible for performing inspections, compliance monitoring, and enforcement on the sale, distribution and application use of insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides; as well as regulates the importation, sale, distribution and application (use) of pesticide devices. DEQ can also certify applicators and can offer tutorial session prior to Certification Exam.

- DEQ reminds you to follow instructions on the pesticide label. Buy only the amount of pesticide that you will need in the near future. Keep pesticides away from food, animal feed or medical supplies. Keep pesticides in their original containers, including the label listing the active ingredients, directions for use, and storage requirements.

Dept of Lands & Natural Resources (DLNR) –

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- DLNR is committed to address the concerns that locally grown produce sold at stores and markets exceed the maximum residue limits, which negatively impacts the marketability of locally grown produce and thus, hinders the increased production of locally grown produce.

Bureau of Environmental Health (BEH) –

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- BEH is responsible for conducting inspections at all regulated or non-regulated establishment to ensure all retailed merchandise/goods are safe and wholesale for human consumption.
- BEH is responsible in conducting outreach within the community in regards to environment (vector), Food Handlers Certification and the importance of Food Safety issues.
- BEH does the enforcement of PL's 11-40 & 12-48.

NMC-Cooperative Research, Extension & Education Service (CREES) – Arnold Route · arnoldr@nmcnet.edu

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- NMC CREES offers technical assistance to growers including crop variety research, support with plant diseases and aquaculture.
- NMC CREES reminds you to practice the safe control methods such as Integrated Pest Management. The method of controls are: Cultural control, Physical and Mechanical control. Sanitation and the last resort is the Chemical control.